IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 11, and ending at page 20, line 19, as follows:

The driving procedure of the above-described liquid fuel cell device shown in FIG. 2 will now be explained. First, the valve V10 is opened to transfer the diluent (water) from the diluent tank 40 to the first tank 20. Then, the rotation device 73 is driven so as to transfer the high-concentration methanol contained in the second tank 30 into the first tank 20. Thereafter, the rotation device 62 is driven to drive the magnetic impeller 61 provided in the first tank 20, and thus the solution contained in the first tank 20 is stirred. Next, the rotation device 53 is driven so as to transfer the concentration-adjusted methanol solution contained in the first tank 20 to the liquid fuel cell body 10 via the supply tube 104a. In this manner, the initial ~~diving~~ driving of the liquid fuel cell device shown in FIG. 2 is carried out. After that, the diluent is continuously or intermittently supplied from the diluent tank 40 to the first tank 20, and the high-concentration methanol liquid is supplied continuously or intermittently from the second tank 30 to the first tank 20. At the same time, while appropriately stirring the solution contained in the first tank 20, electricity is thus generated by the fuel cell body. In order to stop the driving of the liquid fuel cell device shown in FIG. 2 and store it for a long period of time, the rotation device 53 is turned off to stop the transfer of the concentration-adjusted methanol solution from the first tank 20 to the liquid fuel cell body 10. Then, the rotation device 73 is turned off to stop the transfer of the high-concentration methanol liquid from the second tank 30 to the first tank 20. Thereafter, the rotation device 62 is turned off to stop the stirring of the solution inside the first tank 20. Lastly, the valve V10 is closed to stop the transfer of the diluent from the diluent tank 40 to the first tank 20.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 20, and ending at page 21, line 26, as follows:

Next, a liquid fuel cell device according to the second embodiment of the present invention will be described with reference to FIG. 3. In FIG. 3, elements similar to those shown in FIG. 2 are designated by the same reference numerals, and their detailed descriptions will not be repeated. The liquid fuel cell device shown in FIG. 3 is different from the fuel cell device shown in FIG. 2 in the respect of the system that supplies a diluent into the first tank 20. In the liquid fuel cell device shown in FIG. 3, the diluent (water) contained in the diluent tank 40 provided as in the case of the fuel cell device shown in FIG. 2 is used only in the initial stage of operation. After the initial stage of operation, the water generated as a product of the reaction taking place at the oxidizer electrode of the cell body 10 is utilized as a diluent. More specifically, to the outlet port 104a for discharging a liquid reaction product (water) generated by the reaction taking place at the oxidizer electrode, a conduit L10 for guiding the discharged water into the first tank 20 is connected. A gas/liquid separating device 80 provided with a gas/liquid separating membrane 801 is mounted in the conduit L10. The gas/liquid separating device 80 serves to separate water discharged together with an excessive amount of oxidizer gas by means of the gas/liquid separating membrane 801, and supplies the thus separated water into the first tank 20 via the conduit L10. The oxidizer gas separated by the separating membrane 801 is discharged to the outside of the system from the discharge conduit L11. Further, the conduit L11 is provided with a flow regulating valve [[20]] <u>V20</u> for regulating the amount of water introduced into the first tank 20 through the conduit L11.

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